## ADJOURNMENT MOTION.

### re: Debarring of College Students for want of attendance at Physical instruction.

**President**:—An adjournment motion has been put into my hands. I should like to know something more about it. The motion runs thus:—"*I have the honour to ask for your leave for the adjournment of the business of the House to discuss an urgent matter of public importance, to wit, the extreme desirability of taking steps to see that a large number of students of the Maharaja's College selected for sitting for the ensuing Intermediate and B. A. degree examinations are not debarred for want of necessary attendance on some form of physical instruction.*" I should like to know if they are selected for sitting, how they can be prevented from sitting at the examination.

**Mr. Joseph Pettah**:—By examination results they were selected. They must have certain number of attendance and if they are lacking in that an application will be sent to the Registrar by remitting Rs. 5 or so and if the Registrar condone this want of attendance then they can sit for the examination.

**President**:—So the exemption is to come from the Registrar of the University?

**Mr. I. N. Menon**:—I am also interested in this and I want to know whether there is any serious situation. We have nothing to do with the granting of exemptions.

**President**:—I should like to know whether any representations have been made to the authorities concerned.

**Mr. I. N. Menon**:—No representations were made. What usually happens is a consolidated list of candidates who have been selected for examination and those who are short of attendance is submitted to the Registrar to be placed before the Syndicate and by far the largest majority of cases they simply condone. There have been very few instances indeed in which they have refused to condone.

**Mr. A. Sivarama Menon**:—Applications should reach the Registrar some time before the examination and the examination is fast approaching.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan**:—Mr. President, Sir, I find from the issue of the Gomathi—it is a paper which can be relied upon in matters educational (Laughter)—that 36 students of the Maharajah's College, 33 of the Senior Intermediate Class and 3 of the Senior B. A. class selected to sit for the University Examination in March and who have remitted the money stand the chance of being

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debarred by the University authorities from sitting at the examination for want of attendance at some form or other of Physical exercise. I find a two column report on that subject in the Gomathi of today. I find from the daily that on receipt of a report from the Physical Director that these 36 students have not put in the necessary attendance for physical exercise, the Principal seems to have put up a notice on the Board on the evening of the 24th of this month requiring these students to pay a fine of Rs. 5 which will be necessary for the Principal to move in the matter and to request for exemption in the case of these students. That notice was put up at a time when the students were away in their homes being given time for preparation. A large number of students have not been able to comply with that notice because of their not being able to see it. And even if that notice is complied with as was observed by the Hon'ble Member for Education, the exemption has to come from the University. What I seek through the adjournment motion is to urge that the authorities here do take the necessary steps to get the exemption. The report says that most of them are brilliant students of the college and it will be hard indeed if they are debarred.

**Mr. I. N. Menon**:—What I should like to submit is that if it is the college authorities themselves that have to grant exemption, such a motion is quite unnecessary. But, if it is the Syndicate, the adjournment motion is futile. We cannot have an adjournment motion affecting the Syndicate. I have not up to this moment received any request from anybody saying that he may not be exempted by the University for want of attendance either at the College or in the physical culture class. This is a straight forward and simple matter in which the authorities can take action provided the matter is brought to their notice.

**Dr. A. R. Menon**:—So your position is that you will look into the matter and rectify.

**Mr. I. N. Menon**:—Yes.

**President**:—That is all what is wanted.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan**:—What I seek through the adjournment motion is that the authorities here may be pleased to take the necessary steps. If that is promised the purpose of the adjournment motion is satisfied.

**President**:—That promise has been given.

**Mr. A. Sivarama Menon**:—Certainly it is a very emergent matter. There is absolutely no time to lose.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan**:—I will invite the attention of the Hon'ble Members to this one paragraph in the article under reference. If that version is true then we have something really

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to apprehend. "പിഴ അടച്ച വിദ്യാർത്ഥികളെ ഹാജർ നിയമത്തിൽനിന്ന് ഒഴിവാക്കി പരീക്ഷക്കിരിക്കാൻ അനുവദിക്കുന്നതിനു പ്രിൻസിപ്പാൾ സർവ്വകലാശാലക്കാരോടു ശുപാർശ ചെയ്യാമെന്നോറിട്ടുണ്ടുപോലും. കഴിഞ്ഞ ഒരു വർഷത്തിൽ ഹാജരില്ലാതിരുന്ന ഒരു വിദ്യാർത്ഥിക്കുവേണ്ടി പ്രിൻസിപ്പാൾ ഇങ്ങിനെ ശുപാർശ ചെയ്തിരുന്നെങ്കിലും പരീക്ഷയുടെ തലേദിവസം ആയാളെ പരീക്ഷക്കിരിക്കുന്നതിൽനിന്നു തടഞ്ഞുകൊണ്ട് ഒരു കമ്പിയാണ് അധികാരികൾക്കു കിട്ടിയതു്. ഒരു അനുഭവംതന്നെയാണ് ഒരു 36 വിദ്യാർത്ഥികൾക്കു ഇപ്പോൾ അനുഭവപ്പെടാനിരിക്കുന്നതെന്നാണ് അവർ ഭയപ്പെടുന്നതു്. അങ്ങിനെയെങ്കിൽ അവരുടെ ഉദ്യോഗം കഠിനം തന്നെ" That being the state of affairs you may be pleased to take the necessary steps as early as possible and see, that exemption is obtained. We can't have a negative answer as we are reported to have got in a previous occasion.

**President**:—We have no materials to go by because the Principal has not been approached.

**Mr. A. Sivarama Menon**:—May I suggest that the Hon'ble Member for Education be pleased to get the information immediately and supply the information to the House at 3 O'clock.

**Dr. A. R. Menon**:—We do not know whether there is any truth in this. But we should not be charged with the crime of not having made any investigation because there is no time.

**Mr. Joseph Pettah**—One thing, Sir. In the paper it is said that the notice for paying the fine of Rs. 5 was put up only yesterday while 2 or 3 days ago the class has been disbanded. Normally there is no chance of many of the students seeing the notice. The paper says that many of the students have not seen the notice and unless the College authorities bring this matter to the notice of the students who are already in their houses they will suffer. That is the urgency.

**Mr. A. Sivarama Menon**:—If some little personal information I had this morning will be of any use I may at once give it. A friend of mine who happened to see me this morning happened to be a parent of one of these boys. He incidentally told me that suddenly it was brought to his notice that he had to send Rs. 5 to the University to get this irregularity set right. I told him that this can be set right as a matter of course. I never apprehended any difficulty. As a matter of fact, in view of what the Hon'ble Member for Adur is saying, I think the matter must be looked into immediately. This is a thing which is taking place for the first time this year. Generally these classes are neglected by the boys, viz., physical instruction class, and nobody thought it very seriously

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that absence from that class would be met with this sort of punishment. You may send for information and take the necessary action.

**Mr. I. N. Menon**:—If the authorities had the slightest apprehension of trouble, they would have reported to me or if any of the guardians of the students had the slightest apprehension I am here and they could have come to me.

**Mr. A. Sivarama Menon**:—A word of explanation, Sir. That particular gentleman did not go to me to bring this matter to my notice at all. He did not see me as a member of this Council.

**President**:—I am sure the Hon'ble Director will be pleased to make the statement. If necessary this will be taken up tomorrow.

**Mr. I. N. Menon**:—I shall make the statement today itself.

*Motion allowed to stand over.*

## Supplementary Grants *(Cont.)*.

### 30-5-F. Government Industrial Schools *(Cont.)*

**Mr. Joseph Pettah**:—Sir, I thank the Chair for the privilege given to me to reply to the debate.

**President**:—It is your due.

**Mr. Joseph Pettah**:—I am also very thankful to the Hon'ble Member for Industries for the very sympathetic way in which he has looked on the question and I would not have felt the need to add any more words but for the few remarks that were made on this side of the House by a few Hon'ble Members who seem to think that the proper thing would be not to do anything for these cottage industries, but to embark upon a state industrialisation policy forthwith. My purpose is not to enter upon a criticism of this State Industrial Policy or anything of that kind; but I am afraid that there is some confusion of thought in the minds of some of the Hon'ble Members as also there is elsewhere, that these cottage industries are to some extent antagonistic to or are the victim of the competition of mill industries.

Now, my purpose is only to point out that these industries can be developed and the competition from mill industries would not affect them so that there is a special field for them. Also on very many occasions when we have been presenting this case in this House, the question was asked from the other side whether we have anything definite to point out how or in what manner the thing could be done. As for the various directions in which the thing could be done, the Hon'ble Member for Chittur yesterday pointed out a few directions and at the same time he added that

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